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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 3686

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 3686 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Veterans' and Military Discount Card Program Act.

6 Section 5. Legislative findings. The General Assembly
7 finds that though there is no way to adequately repay our
8 nation's military personnel for their service and sacrifice, we
9 can demonstrate our gratitude by forging a collaborative effort
10 between businesses and government that will connect veterans
11 and active duty service members with merchants who choose to
12 honor their military service through special discounts and
13 promotions.

14 The Veterans' and Military Discount Card Program, created
15 under this Act, will provide veterans (those honorably
16 discharged and other veterans generally discharged for reasons

1 other than discipline, misconduct, resignation in lieu of
2 misconduct charges, unfitness for duty, voluntary resignation,
3 or court martial) and military personnel currently serving our
4 country with discount cards that can be used at participating
5 merchants throughout the State of Illinois who agree to honor
6 the Veterans' and Military Discount Card by providing
7 cardholders with a discount on goods and services, or another
8 appropriate money-saving promotion of a merchant's choice.

9 The Veterans' and Military Discount Card Program will be
10 mutually beneficial, helping active duty service members and
11 veterans in the State save money with discounts on goods and
12 services, and helping business owners to enjoy increased
13 traffic and sales in their stores.

14 Section 10. Veterans' and Military Discount Card Program.
15 The Department of Veterans' Affairs shall establish and
16 administer a Veterans' and Military Discount Card Program that
17 enables veterans and active duty military personnel to use a
18 driver's license or Illinois Identification Card issued
19 pursuant to subsection (e) of Section 6-106 of the Illinois
20 Vehicle Code or subsection (c-5) of Section 4 of the Illinois
21 Identification Card Act for a discount on goods and services,
22 or another appropriate money-saving promotion of a merchant's
23 choice.

24 Section 15. Outreach program. The Department shall develop

1 and implement an outreach program to ensure that active duty
2 service members, veterans, and potential merchant-participants
3 in the State are made aware of the Veterans' and Military
4 Discount Card Program. However, the Department shall not be
5 required to conduct such outreach in a county offering a
6 similar discount card program. The Secretary of State may also
7 assist in promoting and disseminating information on the
8 Veterans' and Military Discount Card Program.

9 Section 20. Rules. The Department of Veterans' Affairs
10 shall adopt any rules necessary to implement this Act.

11 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
12 becoming law.".